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*Examiner:* James D. Sells

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*In re:*

*Applicant:* Armin DISTEL

*Serial No.:* 09/954,584

*Filed:* September 17, 2001

**AMENDMENT**

December 1, 2003

Hon. Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of July 1, 2003, please amend  
the application as follows: